



The park is located in the front of the State Capitol, between James Robertson Parkway and Jefferson Street and between 6th and 7th Avenues.



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Hours of Operation:

7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS BICENTENNIAL CAPITOL MALL STATE PARK





Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park

is located in the shadow of the State Capitol in downtown Nashville. It gives visitors a taste of Tennessee's history, natural wonders and serves as a lasting monument to Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration. Park Rangers are available to give information on the park and history facts of Tennessee's past. You may also find Rangers in period dress from the early settlement of Tennessee to present day programs about Tennessee's history.

Historical Significance

With the urban building boom in downtown Nashville during the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Tennessee State Capitol disappeared from sight on the east, west and south sides. The northern side of the Capitol was not conducive to the construction of skyscrapers due to the swampy conditions that existed in many areas between the Capitol and the Cumberland River. Ironically, the historic French Lick that attracted wildlife, Indians, trappers and settlers to what would become Nashville also preserved the remaining view of the Capitol and became the home of the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park because of its natural attributes. In order to save the one remaining view of the Capitol and to commemorate Tennessee's 200th birthday, the concept of a mall similar to the one in Washington, DC, took shape.

Meeting Rooms

Next to the park at the Nashville Farmer's Market is a meeting room that is available free of charge capable of seating up to 30 people. Contact number for reservations is (615) 880-2001.

Restaurants

The Nashville Farmers Market is located next to the park. It has an international food court consisting of several ethnic food vendors.

Gift Shop

Our Gift Shop will send you home with just the right gift or souvenir from your Nashville visit. T-shirts, key chains, shot glasses, flags, post cards and history books.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Picnic tables located under the train trestle are on a first-come first-serve basis. Restrooms are available under the train trestle.

Hiking and Bike Trails

Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park is linked with Metro Nashville's Greenway Trail System. Visitors may access the trail on the 6th Avenue side of the park. Nashville's Greenway Trail will take you south along the Cumberland River to Riverfront Park. You may access other parts of the Greenway Trail from there. Contact Metro Nashville's Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

Museum

The Tennessee State Museum is located three blocks away at Fifth and Deaderick St. Phone (615) 741-2692 or (800) 407-4324 for information. Tours of museum and state capital may be booked. Open year round. No cost.

Planned Programs

A variety of programs and festivals are planned throughout the year. Rangers in historical period dress will present programs to school and tour groups.

Swimming

The park's 31 river fountains are a great way to escape the summer heat. Times of operation are from April thru October.

Amphitheatre

The park features a 2,000-seat amphitheater that provides dramatic views of the State Capitol building. The amphitheater was designed after the Greek theater at Epidaurus and may be reserved for a fee. Call the park office for details.

Other Park Attractions

Various monuments represent Tennessee's unique history and honor Tennessee's endeavors. From the 200-foot granite map of Tennessee and the thirty-one fountains representing the State's major rivers to the Pathway of History and the 95-bell carillons, visitors can experience all aspects of Tennessee's history.